**Jubilee People - 2016**

(photos by Tommaso Ausili and Carlo Gianferro / ROAM Photography)

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**Fact**: The Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy is a special period of prayer that was held from 8 December 2015 to 20 November 2016 and attracted to Rome and the Vatican over 22 millions pilgrims.

“This Holy Year” - Pope Francis said - “is a response to the world’s need for a revolution of tenderness from which justice and all the rest derives. We are used to bad news, cruel news, and to even bigger atrocities, which offend the name and life of God. Ending those tragedies requires a spirit of mercy”

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**Truth**: All the subjects portrayed have been selected in St. Peter’s square and taken to our studio located few steps away.

**Fiction**: The subjects were asked to pose in front of a large scale scan of a souvenir post-card depicting St. Peter’s dome. Just as painters like Pompeo Batoni, who lived in Rome across the eighteenth and nineteenth century, immortalized tourists on their Grand Tour, so today we compose a visual story of that same pilgrimage and its protagonists, that make up the backbone of the religious tourism that this city inspires like few others.